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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 129

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, AEMR, DM

SUBJECT: STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS COTONOU

REF: STATE 011170 (NOTAL)

1. VICE CONSUL WENT TO SURETE TUESDAY MORNING AT 0900 GMT WITH COPY OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHICH WE SENT AT SAME TIME TO MFA DEMANDING CRO DAVIS' IMMEDIATE RELEASE FROM CUSTODY AND CITING VIENNA CONVENTION. WILL REPORT STATUS AS SOON AS VICE CONSUL RETURNS.

2. VICE CONSUL RETURNED TO EMBASSY AT 0945 GMT TO REPORT THAT CHIEF OF POLICE COULD NOT SEE HIM BEFORE NOON LOCAL. HE IS NOW AT MFA MAKING PERSONAL APPEAL FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE AND VIGOROUS INTERVENTION OF THIS VIOLATION OF DIPLOMATIC NORMS OF CONDUCT.

3. TELEPHONES STILL OUT AT CHANCERY AND ADJACENT PAO RESIDENCE AS WELL AS FRENCH AND GERMAN EMBASSIES AND RESIDENCES. WE ARE ATTEMPTING BY HANDCARRIED NOTES TO ACCOUNT FOR ALL AMCITS IN COTONOU; AT SAME TIME WE ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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REQUESTING INFO FROM OTHER MISSIONS RE THEIR NATIONALS. AS OF JANUARY 17 EVENING GERMAN AMBASSADOR TOLD US ALL GERMAN NATIONALS HAVE BEEN RELEASED. FRENCH CONSUL TOLD US APPROXIMATELY 100 FRENCH NATIONALS STILL UNDER DETENTION AS OF MONDAY AFTERNOON.

4. HOTEL CROIX DU SUD TELLS US SEVEN FOREIGNERS ARRESTED

MORNING JANUARY 16 INCLUDING CRO DAVIS. INCLUDED WERE  
NIGERIAN, FRENCH, AND ROMANIAN AND AMERICAN NATIONALS.

5. DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, IN A RATHER HEATED EXCHANGE  
WITH VICE CONSUL, HAS JUST SAID HIS ABILITY TO HELP US  
RE CRO DAVIS IS LIMITED BECAUSE EMBASSY NEVER SENT A NOTE  
ANNOUNCING CRO'S ARRIVAL. VICE CONSUL RETURNING TO  
SURETE AT NOON LOCAL. CHARGE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT  
DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL.  
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